



WIG At Work: February 2019



Women In Government invites you to join us throughout 2019!
Visit www.womeningovernment.org for resources and opportunities that recognize and support women state legislators as leaders in informed policymaking.

Where: Chicago, Illinois
The Blackstone Hotel

When: Thursday, June 13 -
Saturday, June 15, 2019

Join and Learn with Women In Government's Legislative Leaders this June in Chicago at our Annual National Conference!

Women State Legislators
[Register online today](#)
to secure your [Travel Scholarship](#)

For more information and all non-legislator registration options, please contact: Laura Blake, Outreach & Development Manager at lblake@womeningovernment.org

#ConnectingLegislativeLeaders

New WIG Podcast Available!

"Unseen But Heard: State Solutions for Non-Visible Disabilities in the Workplace"

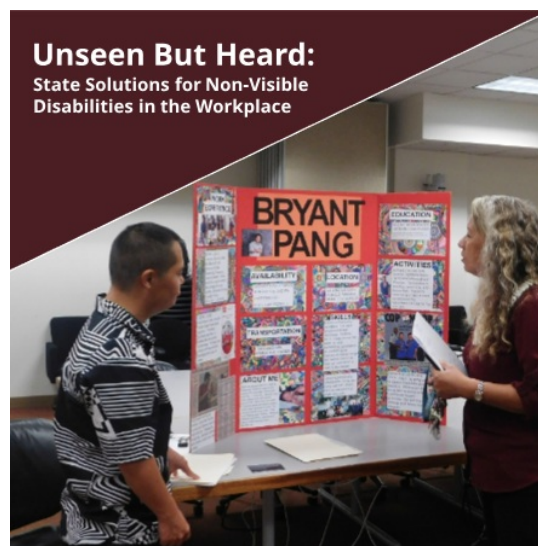
Moderator:

- Hawaii State Representative Lauren Matsumoto

Panelists:

- Illinois Senator Mattie Hunter
- Maryland Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes
- South Dakota Board of Education Standards Member and former State Representative, Jacqueline Sly

Listen and download [here](#) for state and community strategies that assist constituents with "invisible disabilities" find meaningful employment and thrive in the workplace (transcript also available).



This Women In Government podcast was recorded in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (**ODEP**) State Exchange on Employment and Disability (**SEED**) in its efforts to foster a nationwide workforce more inclusive of people with disabilities.



State Opioid Taxes: ECONOMIC & HEALTH POLICY IMPLICATIONS

By Alex Brill
January 2019



Check Out WIG's State Opioid Tax White Paper!

Women In Government is pleased to announce a new white paper on “State Opioid Taxes: Economic & Health Policy Implications” that analyzes the possible ways for states to decrease the impact of the opioid epidemic on the United States. Authored by Alex Brill of Matrix Global Advisors, the paper examines state opioid taxes and calls attention to flaws in the approach.

[Download the white paper!](#)

WIG in Tennessee!

WIG was proud to be invited to present on "Making Your Voice Heard" at the February Statewide Women's Policy Conference in Chattanooga, TN, sponsored by the Mayor's Council for Women co-chaired by former Representative JoAnne Favors. The room was packed with #VisionaryWomen2019: elected officeholders & appointees, candidates, campaign leaders, advocates & entrepreneurs – every one a political leader.

WIG also met with women legislators and/or staff in almost all 20 offices to celebrate women's political leadership. Congratulations to all new and returning legislators – we hope to see you in Chicago!



Are you hosting an event in your state and want Women In Government to attend? Let us know - we've love to join you!

Reach out to Lucy Gettman, Executive Director, at (202) 434-4852!

WIG On The Move In States!



WIG Staff Are
Hitting The Road
And Visiting State
Capitals In
February!

- 2/19 in Columbus, Ohio for the Women of Power Reception
- 2/19 in Richmond, Virginia for the Fuzzy Slippers Reception
- 2/21 in Richmond, Virginia for MWC's Women In Public Affairs Reception
- 2/25 in Trenton, New Jersey for CAWP Women Of Power Reception
- 2/28 Remote Briefing with Maine Women Legislators

Women In Government Celebrates Black History Month!

In honor of Black History Month, we'd like to recognize Oregon Senate Minority Leader Jackie Winters. In November 2017, Senator Winters became the first African American legislative leader in Oregon.



Senator Winters originated Oregon's first food share program, and helped to create the Oregon NW Black Pioneers Association to raise money for student scholarships. She has also served on the Salem-Keizer Blue Ribbon Committee for Excellence in Education, and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Oregon College of Education Foundation.

2019 Statistics: Women On Color In Statewide Executive Office

Of the 86 women serving in statewide elective executive offices, 14, or 16.3%, are women of color. Women of color constitute 4.5% of the total 312 statewide elective executives.

(Center for American Women In Politics)



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